

# The Philippines – Modern History Timeline

<b>16<sup>th</sup> century</b>	Philippine Islands became a Spanish colony
<b>1898</b>	Ceded to the United States following the Spanish-American War
<b>1935</b>	Became a self-governing commonwealth; Manuel Quezon elected president and tasked with preparing the country for independence after a ten-year transition period
<b>1942</b>	Fell under Japanese occupation during World War II
<b>1944-45</b>	U.S. forces and Filipinos fought together during to regain control
<b>July 4, 1946</b>	Republic of the Philippines attained its independence
<b>1986</b>	A 20-year rule by Ferdinand Marcos ended in 1986, when a "people power" movement in Manila ("EDSA 1") forced him into exile and installed Corazon Aquino as president; Corazon Aquino's presidency was hampered by several coup attempts that prevented a return to full political stability and economic development
<b>1992</b>	Fidel Ramos was elected president; His administration was marked by increased stability and by progress on economic reforms
<b>1992</b>	U.S. closed its last military bases on the islands
<b>1998</b>	Joseph Estrada was elected president
<b>2001</b>	Estrada was succeeded by his vice-president, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, in January, 2001, after Estrada's stormy impeachment trial on corruption charges broke down and another "people power" movement ("EDSA 2") demanded his resignation
<b>2004</b>	Macapagal-Arroyo was elected to a six-year term as president in May 2004
<b>Present</b>	The Philippine Government faces threats from three terrorist groups on the U.S. Government's Foreign Terrorist Organization list; Decades of Muslim insurgency in the southern Philippines have led to a peace accord with one group and on-again/off-again peace talks with another

**Directions:** Answer the following questions based on the timeline and your knowledge of social studies.

1. When and why did the Philippines come under United States control?
2. What country invaded the Philippines during World War II?
3. What harsh leader ruled the Philippines for 20 years during the late 20<sup>th</sup> century?
4. What problems are faced by the Philippines today?